

It is requested that Claim 26 be rejoined if the search of the article claims are found allowable.

- 5 The applicant respectfully states that the application has now been placed in condition for allowance and as such requests that the Examiner issue such notice.

Claims listing

Claim 1 (Currently amended)

- 10 Claim 2-4 (Canceled)

Claims 5-7 (Previously presented)

Claims 8-11 (Canceled)

Claim 12 (Previously presented)

Claim 13 (Canceled)

- 15 Claim 14 (Previously presented)

Claim 15-25 (Canceled)

Claim 26 (Currently amended)

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A pre-bonded pavement marking grid and insert pattern comprising: an independent thermoplastic grid section, and an independent thermoplastic insert section, wherein said insert section resides within said grid section and each said insert section is coplanar, and wherein said grid section and said insert section both comprise a top surface and a bottom surface, such that said grid section is in direct contact with and adjacent to said insert section thereby forming an intersection between said grid section and said insert section,
and
further comprising an adhesive backing layer on said bottom surface, said adhesive backing layer bridging and bonding said intersection of said grid section and said insert section to form a unified ~~maintain integrity of said pavement marking pattern~~ thereby preventing dislodging or separation of said pavement marking grid and insert pattern during handling, movement, transportation and application.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously presented) The pre-bonded pavement marking grid and insert pattern of claim 1 wherein said adhesive comprises a thermosetting adhesive.
6. (Previously presented) The pre-bonded pavement marking grid and insert pattern of claim 1 wherein said adhesive comprises a thermoplastic adhesive.
7. (Previously presented) The pre-bonded pavement marking comprising grid and insert pattern of claim 1 wherein said adhesive is sprayable allowing for bridging said intersections on the bottom surfaces of said grid section and said insert section and wherein said adhesive is ethylene vinyl acetate (EVA) based hot melt. or other hot melt polyamide resin.
8. (Canceled)
9. (Canceled)
10. (Canceled)
11. (Canceled)
12. (Previously presented) The pre-bonded pavement marking grid and insert pattern of claim 1 comprising said grid and a plurality of inserts, each of said inserts separated by said grid.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously presented) The pre-bonded pavement marking grid and insert pattern of claim 1 wherein said adhesive has a softening point in a range of 90 degrees C to about 210 degrees C and more preferably in a range of 90 degrees C to about 120 degrees C.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (Canceled)

22. (Canceled)

23. (Canceled)

24. (Canceled)

25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently amended) A method for making a pre-bonded pavement marking grid and insert pattern comprising: providing an independent thermoplastic grid section and an independent thermoplastic insert section, wherein said insert section is resides placed within said grid section keeping maintaining said insert section and grid section coplanar and wherein said grid section and said insert section include both comprise a top surface and a bottom surface, wherein such that said grid section is in direct contact with and adjacent to said insert section thereby forming an intersection between said grid section and said insert section, and

further comprising applying an adhesive backing layer on said bottom surface, said adhesive backing layer allowing for adhesive bridging and bonding said intersection of said grid section and said insert section to form a unified ~~for maintaining integrity of said pavement marking grid and insert pattern and thereby preventing dislodging or separation of~~ said pavement marking ~~grid and insert~~ pattern during subsequent handling, movement, transportation and application.